

# THE HOME, ITS INTERESTS AND ITS PROBLEMS



SIMPLE FROCK FOR LITTLE GIRL.

The design shown in the accompanying plate is practical in almost any material, the model being in light blue linen, the buttonholes of the sleeve caps and about the yoke being done in white wash cotton. The little garment was made in one piece, the bodice and skirt being joined under a strap belt of the linen. Pearl buttons were used on either side of the strap across the front of the belt. The gulle and undersleeves were of white tucked mull and lace.

## Removing Stains.

When a stain proves unusually obstinate and absolutely refuses to come out by ordinary methods, wet the spot thoroughly and then cover with dry chloroform. Let it remain a few moments, rubbing well with the fingers meanwhile, and then rinse until all the lime is out. It will generally be found that the stain is gone also. If not, apply again. A second application will remove anything that is removable. Owing to the nature of the remedy, however, it is far better to make a second application than to leave the first one on until the stain is all gone. The chemical action of the lime removes a portion of the internal fiber of the material and thus eats up the stained part. The proportion of fiber thus removed is so small as to do no injury, but, if left on too long, the lime will insinuate itself, taking a strong hold, and finally bite through the fabric, or weaken it so it will soon wear in holes. Chloride of lime is the base of javelle water, which is so often recommended for the removal of stains, but using the powder itself is more satisfactory in many ways, and can be bought in small cans with a sprinkling top, it is quite as convenient as when in solution.

## French and English Husbands.

When an English wife has hysterics, her husband is immediately bored and goes to his club, or else he says: "You are not very well, my dear. Shall I send for a doctor?" The Frenchman, au contraire, has hysterics, too. The Frenchman may fight with his wife, love her, hate her, kiss her, or kill her, but he never goes to a doctor. He never goes to a doctor.

## Overshoes Appear

It has been amusing to see how the low shoe fad—the day of the rubber shoe—has fallen under the attack of the Snow King. The fair maid who boasted that she had worn low shoes and open-work hosiery "all winter and had never felt better in her life" has had to give in, and has been promoting the streets in the newest of storm rubbers and high shoes sufficiently sensible to satisfy the veriest health faddist.

## Care of Rubber Plant

The leaves of the rubber plant should be washed twice a week. Give it a rich soil, drain it well, and see that it is never allowed to get dry at the roots. Keep out of the direct sunshine.

## WAITING FOR NEWS FROM FRONT.

Applicant (at Western newspaper office)—I'm looking for a job. I can set type and write.  
Editor—Good. Just take a seat.  
Applicant—Have you an assistant?  
Editor—I can't tell yet. I sent him out to see a man and expect to hear a gun go off every moment.—Life.

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## WOMAN'S INQUIRY COLUMN

Letters to the Woman's Inquiry Column are invited. They should be addressed to Editor Woman's Inquiry Column, Washington Times, and should reach the office before Saturday to insure an answer the following week. Each letter must bear the full and correct signature and the address of the sender, not for publication, but merely as an evidence of good faith. Unsigned letters received will be ignored.

### Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

In reading your column I see that you have a very good remedy for freckles. Kindly tell me through the column the name.

MRS. E. G.

If Mrs. E. G. and many others who have written to know of this remedy will send me a self-addressed stamped envelope, I will gladly send them the name of the remedy. It is a proprietary article and I cannot publish the name. This also applies to the eczema cure.

### Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

I wish to thank you for telling me of the freckle remedy. It has helped me wonderfully.

A READER.

I am glad that you have been benefited and I hope that all of the readers to whom I have sent the name of this remedy will be as well pleased with it as you.

### Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

Will you kindly tell me through your column if there is a court of the Independent Order of Foresters in this city.

MRS. M. W.

There is the I. O. F. Potomac 515, which meets in the G. A. R. hall. Herbert H. Gamble is the recording secretary. His address is 531 Fourth street southeast.

### Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

I am very thin and would like to know something to fatten me. Which is best, cod liver oil or cod liver emulsion? How often should I take it, and when?

ROSE W.

It is very hard for some people to become fat; but, still, by following these directions, you may increase your weight some. Get as much rest and sleep as

possible; try not to fret and worry; take things as they come. Be good-natured. Eat fruit and drink plenty of water, especially between meals. Potatoes, rice, pastry, eggs, cereals, etc., are fattening diet. Cod liver oil emulsion is very fattening and is an excellent tonic; it is much more pleasant to take than the plain oil. It should be taken before meals. The directions usually come with the preparation. I would rather not publish an answer to the other question in the paper, but if you send a self-addressed envelope I will gladly do what I can to help you.

### Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

Will you kindly tell me what will remove ink stains from woolen goods? I have tried several things, but without success.

MISS C. G.

I am sorry that I cannot give you a good remover of ink, but there is almost nothing that will remove the stain from woolen cloth. If any of our readers know of anything I would appreciate it if they would send it in for Miss C. G.'s and my benefit.

### Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

You help so many girls in their troubles, won't you please help me, too? I have been going with a young man for some months. He has been engaged to a young lady living in another city for some time. He has told me that he has given her up for me. Now should I give him up? Do you think if he would treat one girl that way, he would treat me the same?

MARY R.

I will gladly help you if I can. To begin with, you make a mistake in allowing an engaged young man to go with you so much. Possibly he has found that he cares more for you than for the girl he has engaged. He may be perfectly true to you in the future.

## Beauty "Don'ts."

Don't dry your face in a hurry; a quick, anyhow rub coarsens the skin and injures its beauty.

Don't eat your meals quickly; this causes indigestion and a red nose.

Don't worry; other people's troubles are quite as bad as yours.

Don't read till midnight; one hour's sleep before 12 o'clock is worth five afterward.

Don't shut your bedroom window; fresh air is necessary for health.

Don't expect physic and tonics to keep you well if you neglect the laws of health and hygiene.

Don't think you can sit day after day over the fire when you ought to go out for a brisk walk without your complexion suffering.—Home Chat.

## Golf Fatal to Chivalry.

In a ball room or a drawing room a man will treat women with decent, if tolerant, civility. But the sight of a skirt on the links rouses him as a red rag does a bull. "These confounded females," he mutters, as he misses a shot for no reason whatever, but his own stupidity, "how can a man be expected to play if these confounded women will cackle like a flock of geese!"—Golf Illustrated.

## Ribbon on Cottons.

Many of the extremely simple cotton stuffs are trimmed with narrow bands of ribbon velvet combined with lace and embroidery; in fact, velvet is to hold its own among the season's trimmings, despite the prevalence of the lace embroidery, gowns, etc. Pannet belts are so smartly effective that their appropriateness is everlasting, and many of the sheerest summer linens have for their touch of color a handsome girdle of pannet velvet in one of the luscious fruit shades.

## The New Skirt.

There is a rumor in the world of fashion that skirts are to be narrow and skimpy. The latest French skirt is cut with a narrow front seam, and this extends above the waist, where it is closely fitted to the figure, the side seams being similarly shaped and fitted. The back has a plait, which also defines the waist. The corset style of skirt is most becoming to tall, slim women. As it is cut to give an impression of narrowness, it is seen lined, and very little underclothing is worn.



1908.

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The pattern is in eight sizes—32 to 40 inches, bust measure. For a 32 bust the gumpie needs 3/4 yards of material 20 inches wide, or 2 yards 36 inches wide, or 1 1/2 yards 42 inches wide.

To obtain this pattern or any of the others heretofore described in The Times, inclose your name, address, size and number of pattern, date printed, and 10 cents in a sealed envelope addressed to Fashion Editor, The Washington Times.

## Some New Waists.

The new lace waists are showing bertha and harness effects of colored silks laid over them, light blue or pink or fawn color being used over the cream lace. The bertha effect is the prettiest, being cut off at the top in a triple sort of collar, which comes down low on the bodice in front, and in which each piece of silk edged with tiny knifed plaiting projects from the one above it.



HER BOUDOIR CAP.

To be strictly au fait, one must now have one's hair scented and the fascinating little cap here shown is used for such purpose; it has sachet powder worked in the seams. Such caps are worn early in the morning before one's hair is seriously dressed.

## Revival of Sealing Wax.

Owing partly to the decision of the United States and French governments to do away with locks and keys and use wax to seal mail bags, and partly to simple fashion, sealing wax is being manufactured in large quantities and extensively used. At the same time a thriving trade has arisen in seal and seal rings.

The latest fad in sealing wax is to adapt its color to the purpose of the letter. Thus, a wedding invitation must be sealed in white, an invitation to dinner in chocolate—though one might suppose coffee color to be usually more appropriate—a business letter in red, an expression of sympathy in violet and a jealous epistle quite fittingly in yellow, while the maid who "turns down" an aspirant for her hand crushes his hopes with a bit of red, brown sealing wax. So, maids and matrons, it is time again to buy wax candles, and to study your color cards.

## Thin Black Fabrics.

Black frocks are to be much in evidence this season, and a number of beautiful models are shown in lousine, taffeta and chiffon cloth over black silk. The latest models are decorated principally with lace, usually two or three kinds, but a little good embroidery in skillfully harmonized colors gives a French air to a fine black gown that is most desirable.

## Faintness in Elevators.

Many persons become faint when traveling long distances in an elevator, especially when the car is moving downward. Try standing on your tiptoes and looking upward, and the sickness will disappear. In the suction of air column elevators, where the air presses hard against the car, swallow frequently, and you will not notice the pressure at all. Standing very erect also counteracts the sinking feeling often present. Finally, if all of these fail, take a teaspoonful of aromatic spirits of ammonia as a preventive before entering the car.

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